Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

My wife and I work opposite schedules which makes it impossible for us to watch television together during primetime. If I'm unable to record future television shows, we will not have the ability to enjoy them together.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

I have already spent quite a lot of money on things like dvd players and a flatscreen television. These were big expenditures for me, I don't have the funds to replace all my electronic equipment.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options? Limiting the development of future technology is never a good option in my opnion.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment? Anything that increases the cost of consumer electronics, which are already extremely high (just look at a cheap HD television) is bad for the consumer and is just another way for big electronic companies to make even more money.

Other Comments:

My wife and I enjoy watching the television shows that air during the week together on the weekends when we are both home at the same time. We would very much not like to lose this.